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Citations issued in hotel fire

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DALLAS — Fire department officials issued two fire code violation citations to the Regent Hotel, site of a four alarm blaze last week that injured seven people.

The hotel was cited Tuesday for failure to maintain an approved fire alarm system and

failure to exhibit an evacuation diagram showing the location of all stairwells. The maximum fine for each violation is \$200. The fire caused an estimated \$500,000 in damages at the 13-story hotel. The fire department said none of three hotel employees on duty last Friday was monitoring the visual fire alarm system.

German Club will present parody of Don Juan play

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It's not an ordinary play. Don Juan, the legendary lover, wants to escape from the demands of women and pursue his real love, geometry. The action includes scores of bloody deaths, but the play is billed as a comedy. And the entire performance is in German.

The Texas A&M German Club will present "Don Juan — Or The Love of Geometry" at 8 p.m. April 12 in Rudder Forum. A detailed English synopsis of the plot will be provided.

Barry Crum, a senior biology major, will play Don Juan. His two major love interests, Dona Anna and Miranda, will be played by Lili Gish, a junior electrical engineering major, and Karen Heller, a sophomore political science major. Jerenda Frierson is the student director.

Three years ago, the German Club started its tradition of presenting an annual production in German. This year, for the first time, the modern languages department offered German 489. Students taking this course participate in the production of the play and receive three hours of credit.

Roger Crockett, assistant professor of modern languages and faculty director of the play, said

having the class this year has improved the cast members' morale and given them an added incentive to work hard.

Lauren Specht, a senior management major who has been in the German plays for the past three years, agreed that she's been more motivated this year

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since she's receiving a grade and three hours credit for her work.

"It was tough for me to go to rehearsals sometimes last year. This year it's much easier," she said.

Crockett said this year's cast has taken initiative in money-making projects. They've held two coffee and doughnut sales and had a booth at the MSC All-Nite Fair. The cast also is in charge of making costumes and rounding up props for the production.

"This year's cast does things that no other cast has done in the

past," Crockett said. "They've taken over a lot of things. I can't do it all — there are too many details."

The 22-member cast also is the largest since the German Club started its productions. Crockett said this is the first year he has had no problems in recruiting cast members.

The only prerequisite for being in the play is some knowledge of German, Crockett said. Of the 22 cast members, only two are modern languages majors, but all have studied from one to five semesters of German.

It takes a special person to be able to do the kind of work that the play demands, Specht said.

"It takes someone with proficiency plus time plus willingness plus enthusiasm," she said. "That's a tough person to find sometimes."

She said it's easy for a cast member with a small part to memorize his own German lines and slide by without ever figuring out what goes on in the rest of the play.

But Crockett said the cast members have made an effort to understand the entire play.

"They have to understand what they're saying so that they know how to say it," he said. "This is a very aware cast."

The first year the German

Club presented a play at A&M, the cast competed one-act play competition. Texas Association of Students' spring contest in Arlington. This year, the play only will be presented at Texas A&M.

"We've decided to concentrate our effort on performance this year," Crockett said. The main problem, he said, would be the transportation and lodging for the large cast. In addition, the play is in five acts, which would make it difficult to perform at other venues.

"We don't have one stands by itself," Crockett said. "Everything's interrelated."

Crockett said his goal is to establish a tradition here, producing a German play each year, when enough generated, he said, he would like to expand the program to other campuses around the state, such as the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech.

"We're three decades ago," he said. "We've got an active, small program here."

"I see bigger things ahead for sure."

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New treatment used on boy with leukemia

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HOUSTON — Doctors used an experimental bone marrow transplant treatment as a final effort to save the life of a 5-year-old boy suffering from leukemia.

Larry Eugene Herrin Jr., a kindergarten pupil in Round Rock, Texas, near Austin, received a transplant of his own purified bone marrow Tuesday.

"The doctors say the treatment looks good on paper, but as to whether it works in the long run, they don't know because it's so new," said Paula Herrin, the boy's mother. "We're going through with it because we have

no choice."

The technique was developed two years ago and has been used on fewer than 100 people worldwide, said Dr. Steven Culbert, a pediatric cancer specialist at M.D. Anderson Hospital. Because it is still experimental and is not yet generally available, M.D. Anderson officials discouraged inquiries.

Culbert said the boy will die without the treatment, and that even with the treatment his chances of survival are slim.

"The technique is too early in its development to discuss the possibility of a cure for the pa-

tient and mainly it's been used as a technique for separation of leukemia from normal bone marrow cells," Culbert said.

"However, physicians hoping to give the patient a longed-for remission (relief of the disease)."

The procedure involves inserting a needle into the bone marrow. Then the marrow is "cleaned" with a special process to pull leukemia cells out of the marrow. The cleaned marrow is transfused back into the patient's body, where it will begin producing normal blood components to help fight the leukemia.

"One of the problems with leukemia patients is that their bone marrow transplant is not a perfect match of patient and donor tissue," a spokesman said. "The patient's own bone marrow tissue eliminates the problem."

Larry was stricken with leukemia shortly after his third birthday. Chemotherapy treatments have placed it in remission, but he has suffered two

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